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Legislative Council Finance and Administration Committee Draft Minutes of the Meeting of February 6, 2013 Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Lane, Newtown, CT

Committee Members Present: Dan Wiedemann, Kathy Fetchick, George Ferguson, Neal Chaudhary, Dan Amaral and Jeff Capeci, *ex officio with vote*.

Others Present: John Voket, Associate Editor, Newtown Bee; Joseph Girgasky, several other members of the public or press.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Hon. Fetchick moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2012. Hon. Wiedemann seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion and Action:

2012/13 to 2015/17 Capital Improvement Plan

Hon. Fetchick moved to approve the 2012/13 to 2015/17 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion seconded by Hon. Wiedemann. Five in favor with Mr. Amaral dissenting. Motion carried 5 to 1.

New Business

Future Capital Improvement Plans

Hon. Chaudhary moved to approve to add discussion of amending the Capital Improvement Plan from 5 years to 10 years. Hon. Fetchick seconded.

Hon. Chaudhary explained that he attended a recent training session for newly elected public officials run by the Connecticut Council of Municipalities (CCM). At this session it was pointed out that the Town of Newtown adhered to all of CCM's best practices with the exception of extending the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to 10 years. In discussing the relative merits of such a change, members made a number of observations. First it was suggested that this was something to discuss with the Board of Finance and

that under the current five year plan, the CIP becomes less firm the further out it goes. It was also noted that there is no harm in discussing this and that there might be merit given that we know there are long term projects or plans that go beyond the five year time horizon. The feeling was that it was worth further discussion.

Because this was not publicly noticed agenda item no action could be taken. It may be suggested as an item for future Council discussion and possible review to the Board of Finance.

Future Meeting Dates

To be determined

Conclusion

Hon. Fetchick moved to adjourn. Hon. Chaudhary seconded. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.